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1 2 3 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 4 5 FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 6 7 8 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, No. C 08-03093 WHA 9 Plaintiff, No. CR09-01134 CRB 10 No. CR09-01135 MHP 11 1. REAL PROPERTY AND IMPROVEMENTS IDENTIFIED BY MENDOCINO COUNTY APN No. CR09-01140 MHP 12 051-290-04, 051-300-02, 051-310-01, 051-320-01, No. CR09-01141 CRB 13 2. REAL PROPERTY AND IMPROVEMENTS IDENTIFIED BY MENDOCINO COUNTY APN No. CR09-01142 JSW 051-180-08, 051-190-05, 052-010-01, 052-010-03, 14 052-010-09, 052-010-14, 052-010-15, 052-010-16, No. CR09-01143 SI 15 052-010-17; REAL PROPERTY AND IMPROVEMENTS IDENTIFIED BY 16 HUMBOLDT COUNTY APN 222-024-003, **ORDER DECLINING TO** 222-025-003; **RELATE CRIMINAL CASES** 17 3. REAL PROPERTY AND IMPROVEMENTS 18 IDENTIFIED BY MENDOCINO COUNTY APN 051-180-09, 051-180-10 19 Defendants. 20 21 PAUL SAYERS, GRAESON PRESCOTT, DIANA MENDES AND BARNUM TIMBER 22 COMPANY, 23 Claimants. 24 25

Judge Jeffrey White has declined to relate the above-numbered criminal cases to his civil forfeiture case. This order does likewise with respect to the civil forfeiture action pending before the undersigned.

It is curious that these criminal matters have all been filed separately and were not even related enough to each other to have been brought in a single action. Most of all, the tail would wag the dog for either of the civil forfeiture cases — which have both been stayed without activity due to these criminal proceedings — to serve as a basis to disturb the regular assignment of criminal cases. In sum, the above-numbered criminal cases are not related under Criminal Local Rule 8-1(b) to the civil forfeiture action pending before the undersigned.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: February 5, 2010.

WILLIAM ALSUP UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE